

## **Geometry**

### **Introduction**

The fundamental purpose of the Geometry course is to introduce students to formal geometric proof and the study of plane figures, culminating in the study of right triangle trigonometry and circles. They begin to prove results about the geometry of the plane formally, by using previously defined terms and notions. Similarity is explored in greater detail, with an emphasis on discovering trigonometric relationships and solving problems with right triangles. The correspondence between the plane and the Cartesian coordinate system is explored when students connect algebraic concepts with geometric ones. Students explore probability concepts and use probability in real world situations. The major mathematical ideas in the Geometry course include geometric transformations, proving geometric theorems, congruence and similarity, analytic geometry, right-triangle trigonometry, and probability.

The higher mathematics standards in the original CCSSM document are organized by conceptual category, domain, cluster, and then individual standards. The standards in the traditional Geometry course come from the following conceptual categories: Modeling, Geometry, and Statistics and Probability. The content of the course will be expounded on below according to these conceptual categories, but teachers and administrators alike should note that the standards are not listed here in the order in which they should be taught. Moreover, the standards are not simply topics to be checked off a list during isolated units of instruction, but rather content that should be present throughout the school year through rich instructional experiences.

### **What Students Learn in Geometry**

#### **Overview**

Although there are many types of geometry, school mathematics is devoted primarily to plane Euclidean geometry, studied both synthetically (without coordinates) and analytically (with coordinates). In the Higher Mathematics courses, students begin to formalize their geometry experiences from elementary and middle school, using more

precise definitions and developing careful proofs. In the standards for grades seven and eight, students began to see two-dimensional shapes as part of a generic plane (the Euclidean Plane) and began to explore transformations of this plane as a way to determine whether two shapes are congruent or similar. In the Geometry course, these notions are formalized and students use transformations to prove geometric theorems. The definition of congruence in terms of rigid motions provides a broad understanding of this notion, and students explore the consequences of this definition in terms of congruence criteria and proofs of geometric theorems.

Students investigate triangles and decide when they are similar; with this newfound knowledge and their prior understanding of proportional relationships, they define trigonometric ratios and solve problems using right triangles. They investigate circles and prove theorems about them. Connecting to their prior experience with the coordinate plane, they prove geometric theorems using coordinates and describe shapes with equations. Students extend their knowledge of area and volume formulas to those for circles, cylinders and other rounded shapes. Finally, continuing the development of statistics and probability, students investigate probability concepts in precise terms, including the independence of events and conditional probability.

### **Examples of Key Advances from Previous Grades or Courses**

- Because concepts such as rotation, reflection and translation were treated in the grade 8 standards mostly in the context of hands-on activities, and with an emphasis on geometric intuition, high school Geometry will put equal weight on precise definitions.
- In grades K–8, students worked with a variety of geometric measures (length, area, volume, angle, surface area and circumference). In high school Geometry, students apply these component skills in tandem with others in the course of modeling tasks and other substantial applications (MP.4).
- The skills that students develop in Algebra I around simplifying and transforming square roots will be useful when solving problems that involve distance or area and that make use the Pythagorean Theorem.
- In grade 8, students learned the Pythagorean Theorem and used it to determine distances in a coordinate system (8.G.6–8). In high school Geometry, students

will build on their understanding of distance in coordinate systems and draw on their growing command of algebra to connect equations and graphs of circles (G-GPE.1).

- The algebraic techniques developed in Algebra I can be applied to study analytic geometry. Geometric objects can be analyzed by the algebraic equations that give rise to them. Some basic geometric theorems in the Cartesian plane can be proven using algebra.

## Geometry Mathematics Content Standards Emphases

In higher mathematics courses, as in kindergarten through grade eight, not all content is emphasized equally in the Mathematics Content standards. The following Geometry Content Emphasis chart, organized by the standard clusters for Geometry, provides a focus for instruction and learning. Time allocated to instruction and learning of the standards should reflect the emphasis given to the “Major” clusters and the standards within them. But, the “Supporting” and “Additional” clusters should not be neglected. To do so may result in gaps in students’ learning, including skills and understandings they will need in later grades.

**Table 1:** Standards emphases in Geometry. Note that standards in columns are determined by PARCC reports. Brackets indicate SBAC ratings where applicable (e.g. [m]).

Major	Supporting/Additional
<b>Geometry</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Congruence</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ [...] Understand congruence in terms of rigid motions.</li> <li>○ [m] Prove geometric theorems.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Similarity, Right Triangles, and Trigonometry</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ [...] Understand similarity in terms of similarity transformations.</li> <li>○ [...] Prove theorems involving similarity.</li> <li>○ [...] Define trigonometric ratios and solve problems involving right triangles.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Expressing Geometric Properties with Equations</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ [...] Use coordinates to prove simple geometric theorems algebraically.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Modeling with Geometry</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ [...] Apply geometric concepts in modeling</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<b>Geometry</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Congruence</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ [...] Experiment with transformations in the plane.</li> <li>○ [...] Make geometric constructions.</li> </ul> </li> <li><b>Geometry</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Circles</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ [...] Understand and apply theorems about circles.</li> <li>○ [...] Find arc lengths and areas of sectors of circles.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Expressing Geometric Properties with Equations</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ [...] Translate between the geometric description and the equation for a conic section.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Geometric Measurement and Dimension</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ [...] Explain volume formulas and use them to</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>

situations.	<p>solve problems.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ [...] Visualize relationships between two-dimensional and three-dimensional objects.</li> </ul> <p><b>Statistics and Probability</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Conditional Probability and the Rules of Probability</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ [...] Understand independence and conditional probability and use them to interpret data.</li> <li>○ [...] Use the rules of probability to compute probabilities of compound events in a uniform probability model.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
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84 **Connecting Standards for Mathematical Practice and Content**

85 The Mathematical Practice Standards apply throughout each course and,  
86 together with the content standards, prescribe that students experience mathematics as  
87 a coherent, useful, and logical subject that makes use of their ability to make sense of  
88 problem situations. The Standards for Mathematical Practice represent a picture of  
89 what it looks like for students to *do mathematics* and, to the extent possible, content  
90 instruction should include attention to appropriate practice standards. There are ample  
91 opportunities for students to engage in each mathematical practice in Geometry; the  
92 table below offers some examples.

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Standards for Mathematical Practice <i>Students...</i>	Examples of each practice in Geometry
<i>MP1. Make sense of problems and persevere in solving them.</i>	Students construct accurate diagrams of geometry problems to help make sense of them. They organize their work so that others can follow their reasoning, e.g. in proofs.
<i>MP2. Reason abstractly and quantitatively.</i>	Students understand that the coordinate plane can be used to represent geometric shapes and transformations and therefore connect their understanding of number and algebra to geometry.
<i>MP3. Construct viable arguments and critique the reasoning of others.</i> <b>Students build proofs by induction and proofs by contradiction. CA 3.1 (for higher mathematics only).</b>	Students construct proofs of geometric theorems. They write coherent logical arguments and understand that each step in a proof must follow from the last, justified with a previously accepted or proven result.
<i>MP4. Model with mathematics.</i>	Students apply their new mathematical understanding to real world problems. They learn how transformational geometry and trigonometry can be used to model the physical world.
<i>MP5. Use appropriate</i>	Students make use of visual tools for representing geometry, such as

<i>tools strategically.</i>	simple patty paper or transparencies, or dynamic geometry software.
<i>MP6. Attend to precision.</i>	Students develop and use precise definitions of geometric terms. They verify that a specific shape has certain properties justifying its categorization (e.g. a rhombus as opposed to a quadrilateral).
<i>MP7. Look for and make use of structure.</i>	Students construct triangles in quadrilaterals or other shapes and use congruence criteria of triangles to justify results about those shapes.
<i>MP8. Look for and express regularity in repeated reasoning.</i>	Students explore rotations, reflections and translations, noticing that certain attributes of different shapes remain the same (e.g. parallelism, congruency, orientation) and develop properties of transformations by generalizing these observations.

Mathematical Practice standard 4 holds a special place throughout the higher mathematics curriculum, as Modeling is considered its own conceptual category. Though the Modeling category has no specific standards listed within it, the idea of using mathematics to model the world pervades all Higher Mathematics courses and should hold a high place in instruction. Readers will see some standards marked with a star symbol (★) to indicate that they are *modeling standards*, that is, they present an opportunity for applications to real-world modeling situations more so than other standards.

Examples of places where specific Mathematical Practice standards can be implemented in the Geometry standards will be noted in parentheses, with the standard(s) indicated.

### **Geometry Content Standards by Conceptual Category**

The Geometry course is organized by conceptual category, domains, clusters and standards. Below, the overall purpose and progression of the standards included in Geometry are described according to these conceptual categories. Note that the standards are not listed in an order in which they should be taught. Specific clusters of standards as well as some individual standards will be elaborated on according to their emphasis as laid out in Table 1 above. In addition, standards that are considered to be new to secondary grades teachers will be discussed in more depth than others.

#### **Conceptual Category: Modeling**

Throughout the CCSSM Higher Mathematics standards, certain standards are marked with a (★) symbol to indicate that they are considered modeling standards.

Modeling at the Higher Mathematics level goes beyond the simple application of previously constructed mathematics to real world problems. True modeling begins with students asking a question about the world around them, and mathematics is then constructed in the process of attempting to answer the question. When students are presented with a real world situation and challenged to ask a question, all sorts of new issues arise: which of the quantities present in this situation are known and unknown? What can I generalize? Is there some way to introduce a known shape into this diagram that gives more information? Students need to decide on a solution path, which may need to be revised. They make use of tools such as calculators, dynamic geometry software, or spreadsheets. They validate their work by moving between calculations by hand and software assisted computation.

Modeling problems have an element of being genuine problems, in the sense that students care about answering the question under consideration. In modeling, mathematics is used as a tool to answer questions that students really want answered. This will be a new approach for many teachers and will be challenging to implement, but the effort will produce students who can appreciate that mathematics is relevant to their lives. From a pedagogical perspective, modeling gives a concrete basis from which to abstract the mathematics and often serves to motivate students to become independent learners.

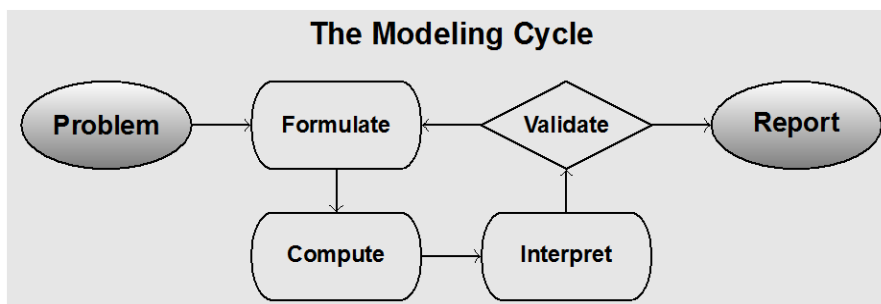


Figure 1: The modeling cycle. Students examine a problem and formulate a *mathematical model* (an equation, table, graph, etc.), compute an answer or rewrite their expression to reveal new information, interpret their results, validate them, and report out.

Throughout the Geometry chapter, the included examples will be framed as modeling situations whenever appropriate, to serve as illustrations of the concept of

mathematical modeling. The big ideas of proving geometric theorems, congruence and similarity, analytic geometry, right-triangle trigonometry, and probability can be explored in this way. The reader is encouraged to consult the Appendix on Modeling in Higher mathematics for a further discussion of the modeling cycle and how it is integrated into the higher mathematics curriculum.

### **Conceptual Category: Geometry**

The standards of the Geometry conceptual category comprise the bulk of instruction in the Traditional Geometry course. Here, students develop the ideas of congruence and similarity through transformations. They prove theorems, both with and without the use of coordinates. They explore right triangle trigonometry, and circles and parabolas. Throughout the course, Mathematical Practice 3, “Construct viable arguments and critique the reasoning of others,” plays a predominant role.

## **Congruence**

## **G-CO**

### **Experiment with transformations in the plane.**

1. Know precise definitions of angle, circle, perpendicular line, parallel line, and line segment, based on the undefined notions of point, line, distance along a line, and distance around a circular arc.
2. Represent transformations in the plane using, e.g., transparencies and geometry software; describe transformations as functions that take points in the plane as inputs and give other points as outputs. Compare transformations that preserve distance and angle to those that do not (e.g., translation versus horizontal stretch).
3. Given a rectangle, parallelogram, trapezoid, or regular polygon, describe the rotations and reflections that carry it onto itself.
4. Develop definitions of rotations, reflections, and translations in terms of angles, circles, perpendicular lines, parallel lines, and line segments.
5. Given a geometric figure and a rotation, reflection, or translation, draw the transformed figure using, e.g., graph paper, tracing paper, or geometry software. Specify a sequence of transformations that will carry a given figure onto another.

### **Understand congruence in terms of rigid motions.** [Build on rigid motions as a familiar starting point for development of concept of geometric proof.]

6. Use geometric descriptions of rigid motions to transform figures and to predict the effect of a given rigid motion on a given figure; given two figures, use the definition of congruence in terms of rigid motions to decide if they are congruent.
7. Use the definition of congruence in terms of rigid motions to show that two triangles are congruent if and only if corresponding pairs of sides and corresponding pairs of angles are congruent.
8. Explain how the criteria for triangle congruence (ASA, SAS, and SSS) follow from the definition of congruence in terms of rigid motions.

In Geometry, the commonly held—but imprecise—definition that shapes are congruent when they “have the same size and shape” is replaced by a more mathematically precise one (MP.6): *two shapes are congruent if there is a sequence of rigid motions in the plane that takes one shape exactly onto the other*. This definition has been explored intuitively in the grade eight standards, but is now investigated more closely. Earlier, students experimented with transformations in the plane, but now, students build more precise definitions for the *rigid motions*, rotation, reflection, and translation, based on previously defined and understood terms, such as point, line, between, angle, circle, perpendicular, etc. (G-CO.1, 3, 4). Students base their understanding of these definitions on their experience with transforming figures using patty paper, transparencies, or geometry software, (G-CO.2, 3, 5, MP.5), something they started doing in Grade 8. These transformations should be investigated both in a general plane as well as on a coordinate system—especially when explicitly describing transformations using precise names of points, translation vectors, and lines of symmetry or reflection.

**Example: Defining Rotations.** Mrs. B wants to help her class understand the following definition of a *rotation*:

A *rotation* about a point  $P$  through angle  $\alpha$  is a transformation  $A \mapsto A'$  such that (1) if point  $A$  is different from  $P$ , then  $PA = PA'$  and the measure of  $\angle APA' = \alpha$ ; and (2) if point  $A$  is the same as point  $P$ , then  $A' = A$ .

She gives her students a handout with several geometric shapes on it and a point  $P$  indicated on the page. In pairs, students are to copy the shapes onto a transparency sheet and rotate them through various angles about  $P$ . Students then transfer the rotated shapes back onto the original page, and measure various lengths and angles as indicated in the definition.

While justifying that the properties of the definition hold for the shapes she has given them, the students also make some observations about the effects of a rotation on the entire plane, for instance that:

- Rotations preserve lengths.
- Rotations preserve angle measures.
- Rotations preserve parallelism.

Later, Mrs. B plans to allow students to explore more rotations on dynamic geometry software, asking them to create a geometric shape and rotate it by various angles about various points  $P$ , both part of the object and not.

In standards G-CO.6-8, geometric transformations are given a more prominent role in the higher mathematics geometry curriculum than perhaps ever before. The new definition of congruence in terms of rigid motions applies to *any* shape in the plane, whereas previously congruence seemed to depend on criteria that were specific only to certain shapes. For example, the side-side-side (SSS) congruence criterion for triangles



did not extend to quadrilaterals, seemingly suggesting that congruence was a notion specific to the shape one was considering. While it is true that there are specific criteria for determining congruence of certain shapes, the *basic notion of congruence* is the same for all shapes. In the CCSSM, the SSS criteria for triangle congruence is a *consequence* of the definition of congruence, just as is the fact that if two polygons are congruent, then their sides and angles can be put into a correspondence such that each corresponding pair of sides and angles is congruent. This concept comprises the content of standards G-CO.7 and G-CO.8, which derive congruence criteria for triangles from the new definition of congruence.

Standard G-CO.7 explicitly states that students show that two triangles are congruent *if and only if* corresponding pairs of sides and corresponding pairs of angles are congruent (MP.3). The depth of reasoning here is fairly substantial at this level; put in other words, students must be able to show using rigid motions that congruent triangles have congruent corresponding parts, and that, conversely, if the corresponding parts of two triangles are congruent, then there is a sequence of rigid motions that takes one triangle to the other. The second statement may be more difficult to justify than the first for most students, so we present a justification of it here. Suppose we have two triangles  $\triangle ABC$  and  $\triangle DEF$  such that the correspondence  $A \leftrightarrow D, B \leftrightarrow E, C \leftrightarrow F$  results in pairs of sides and pairs of angles being congruent. If one triangle was drawn on a fixed piece of paper, and the other drawn on a separate transparency, then a student could illustrate a translation,  $T$ , that takes point  $A$  to point  $D$ . A simple rotation  $R$  about the point  $A$ , if necessary, takes point  $B$  to point  $E$ , which we can be certain will occur since  $\overline{AB} \cong \overline{DE}$  and rotations preserve lengths. Finally, the last step that may be needed is a reflection  $S$  about the side  $AB$ , to take point  $C$  to point  $F$ . It is nontrivial why the image of point  $C$  is actually  $F$ . Since  $\angle A$  is reflected about line  $\overleftrightarrow{AB}$ , its measure is preserved. Therefore, the image of side  $\overline{AC}$  at least lies on line  $\overleftrightarrow{DF}$ , since  $\angle A \cong \angle D$ . But since  $\overline{AC} \cong \overline{DF}$ , it must be the case that the image of point  $C$  coincides with  $F$ . The previous discussion amounts to the fact that the sequence of rigid motions,  $T$ , followed by  $R$ , followed by  $S$ , maps  $\triangle ABC$  exactly onto  $\triangle DEF$ . Therefore, if we know that the corresponding parts of two triangles are congruent, then there is a sequence of rigid motions carrying one onto the other; that is, they are congruent. The informal proof

presented here should be accessible to Geometry students. See the figure for an illustration of the steps in this reasoning.

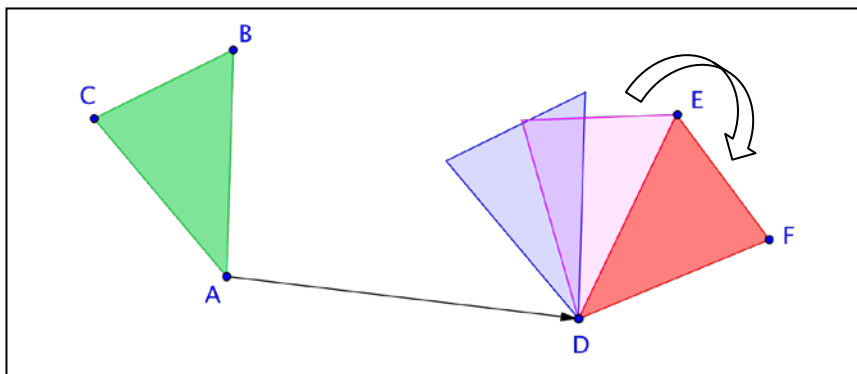


Figure 2: Illustration of the reasoning that CPCTC implies triangle congruence, in which point  $A$  is translated to  $D$ , the resulting image of  $\triangle ABC$  is rotated so as to place  $B$  onto  $E$ , and finally, the image is then reflected along line segment  $AB$  to match point  $C$  to  $F$ .

Similar reasoning applies for standard G.CO.8, in which students justify the typical triangle congruence criteria such as ASA, SAS and SSS. Experimentation with transformations of triangles where only two of the criteria are satisfied will result in counterexamples, and geometric constructions of triangles of prescribed side lengths, for example, in the case of SSS, will leave little doubt that any triangle constructed with these side lengths will be congruent to another, and that therefore SSS holds (MP.7).

## Congruence

## G-CO

**Prove geometric theorems.** [Focus on validity of underlying reasoning while using variety of ways of writing proofs.]

9. Prove theorems about lines and angles. *Theorems include: vertical angles are congruent; when a transversal crosses parallel lines, alternate interior angles are congruent and corresponding angles are congruent; points on a perpendicular bisector of a line segment are exactly those equidistant from the segment's endpoints.*
10. Prove theorems about triangles. *Theorems include: measures of interior angles of a triangle sum to  $180^\circ$ ; base angles of isosceles triangles are congruent; the segment joining midpoints of two sides of a triangle is parallel to the third side and half the length; the medians of a triangle meet at a point.*
11. Prove theorems about parallelograms. *Theorems include: opposite sides are congruent, opposite angles are congruent, the diagonals of a parallelogram bisect each other, and conversely, rectangles are parallelograms with congruent diagonals.*

**Make geometric constructions.** [Formalize and explain processes.]

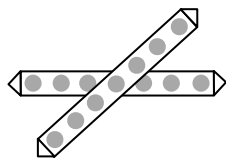
12. Make formal geometric constructions with a variety of tools and methods (compass and straightedge, string, reflective devices, paper folding, dynamic geometric software, etc.). *Copying*

*a segment; copying an angle; bisecting a segment; bisecting an angle; constructing perpendicular lines, including the perpendicular bisector of a line segment; and constructing a line parallel to a given line through a point not on the line.*

13. Construct an equilateral triangle, a square, and a regular hexagon inscribed in a circle.

It is important to note here that once the triangle criteria for congruence are established, students can begin proving geometric theorems. Examples of such theorems can be found in standards G.CO.9-11. The triangle congruence criteria are established results that can be used to prove new results. Instructors are encouraged to use a variety of strategies for engaging students in understanding and writing proofs, including: using ample pictures to demonstrate results and generate strategies; using patty paper, transparencies, or dynamic geometry software to explore the steps in a proof; creating flow charts and other organizational diagrams for outlining a proof; and writing step-by-step or paragraph formats for the completed proof (MP.5). Above all else, the reasoning involved in connecting one step in the logical argument to the next should be emphasized. Students should be encouraged to make conjectures based on experimentation, to justify their conjectures, and to communicate their reasoning to their peers (MP.3). The following example illustrates how students can be encouraged to experiment and construct hypotheses based on their observations.

**Example. The Kite Factory.** The hypothetical situation of a kite factory is presented to students, wherein kite engineers wish to know how the shape of a kite affects how it flies (e.g. the lengths of the rods, where they are attached, the angle at which



the rods are attached, etc.). In this activity, students are given pieces of cardstock of various lengths, hole-punched at regular intervals so they can be attached in different places.

These two “rods” form the frame for a kite at the kite factory. By changing the angle at which the sticks are held, and the places where they are attached, students discover different properties of quadrilaterals.

Students are challenged to make conjectures and use precise language to describe their findings about which diagonals result in which quadrilaterals. They can discover properties unique to certain quadrilaterals, such as the fact that diagonals that are perpendicular bisectors of each other imply the quadrilateral is a rhombus. See videos of this lesson being implemented in a high school classroom at [insidemathematics.org](http://insidemathematics.org).

**Similarity, Right Triangles, and Trigonometry****G-SRT****Understand similarity in terms of similarity transformations.**

1. Verify experimentally the properties of dilations given by a center and a scale factor:
  - a. A dilation takes a line not passing through the center of the dilation to a parallel line, and leaves a line passing through the center unchanged.
  - b. The dilation of a line segment is longer or shorter in the ratio given by the scale factor.
2. Given two figures, use the definition of similarity in terms of similarity transformations to decide if they are similar; explain using similarity transformations the meaning of similarity for triangles as the equality of all corresponding pairs of angles and the proportionality of all corresponding pairs of sides.
3. Use the properties of similarity transformations to establish the Angle-Angle (AA) criterion for two triangles to be similar.

**Prove theorems involving similarity.**

4. Prove theorems about triangles. *Theorems include: a line parallel to one side of a triangle divides the other two proportionally, and conversely; the Pythagorean Theorem proved using triangle similarity.*
5. Use congruence and similarity criteria for triangles to solve problems and to prove relationships in geometric figures.

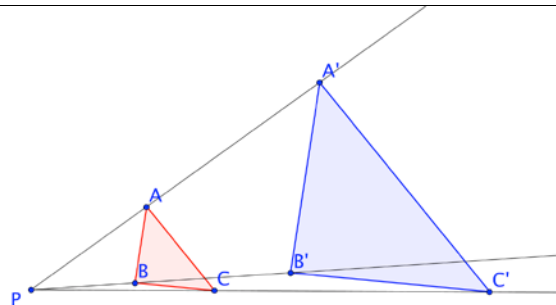
As right triangles and triangle relationships play such an important role in applications and future mathematics learning, they are given a prominent role in the geometry conceptual category. A discussion of *similarity* is necessary first, and again, a more precise mathematical definition of similarity is given in the Higher Mathematics standards. Students have worked with *dilations* as a transformation in the grade eight standards; now, they explore the properties of dilations in more detail and develop an understanding of the notion of *scale factor* (G-SRT.1). Whereas it is common to say that objects that are similar simply have “the same shape,” the new definition taken for two objects being similar is that there is a sequence of *similarity transformations*<sup>1</sup> that maps one exactly onto the other. In standards G-SRT.2 and G-SRT.3, students explore the consequences of two triangles being similar: that they have congruent angles and that their side lengths are in the same proportion. This new understanding gives rise to more results, encapsulated in standards G-SRT.4 and G-SRT.5.<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Translation, rotation, reflection, or dilation.

<sup>2</sup> The proof of the Pythagorean Theorem by the use of similar triangles is a nontrivial exercise; a good resource for a proof of this result by H. Wu can be found at <http://vimeo.com/45773544>.

**Example: Experimenting with dilations.**

Students are given opportunities to experiment with dilations and determine how they affect planar objects. Students first make sense of the definition of a *dilation of scale factor  $k > 0$  with center  $P$*  as the transformation that moves a point  $A$  along the ray  $\overrightarrow{PA}$  to a new point  $A'$ , so that  $|\overrightarrow{PA'}| = k \cdot |\overrightarrow{PA}|$ . For example, students apply the dilation of scale factor 2.5 with center  $P$  to the points  $A$ ,  $B$ , and  $C$  illustrated using a ruler. Once they've done so, they consider the two triangles  $\triangle ABC$  and  $\triangle A'B'C'$ . What they discover is that the lengths of the corresponding sides of the triangles have the same ratio as dictated by the scale factor. (G-SRT.2) Students learn that parallel lines are taken to parallel lines by dilations; thus corresponding segments of  $\triangle ABC$  and  $\triangle A'B'C'$  are parallel. After students have proved results about parallel lines



intersected by a transversal, they can deduce that the angles of the triangles are congruent. Through experimentation, they see that the congruence of corresponding angles is a necessary and sufficient condition for the triangles to be similar, leading to the AA criterion for triangle similarity. (G.SRT.3.)

For a simple investigation, students can investigate how the distance at which a projector is placed from a screen affects the size of the image on the screen. (MP.4)

**Similarity, Right Triangles, and Trigonometry****G-SRT****Define trigonometric ratios and solve problems involving right triangles.**

6. Understand that by similarity, side ratios in right triangles are properties of the angles in the triangle, leading to definitions of trigonometric ratios for acute angles.
  7. Explain and use the relationship between the sine and cosine of complementary angles.
  8. Use trigonometric ratios and the Pythagorean Theorem to solve right triangles in applied problems. ★
- 8.1 Derive and use the trigonometric ratios for special right triangles (30°, 60°, 90° and 45°, 45°, 90°). CA**

Once the angle-angle (AA) similarity criterion for triangles is established, it follows that any two *right* triangles  $\triangle ABC$  and  $\triangle DEF$  are similar when at least one pair of angles are congruent (say  $\angle A \cong \angle D$ ), since the right angles are obviously congruent (say  $\angle B \cong \angle E$ ). By similarity, the corresponding sides of the triangles are in proportion:

$$\frac{AB}{DE} = \frac{BC}{EF} = \frac{AC}{DF}.$$

Notice the first and third expressions in the statement of equality above can be rearranged to yield that

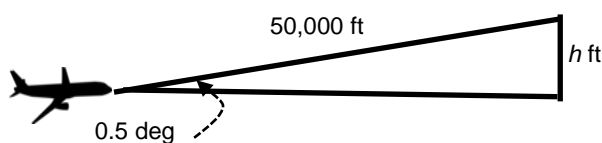
$$\frac{AB}{AC} = \frac{DE}{DF}.$$

Since the triangles in question are arbitrary, this implies that for any right triangle with an angle congruent to  $\angle A$ , the ratio of the side adjacent to  $\angle A$  and the hypotenuse of the triangle is a certain constant. This allows us to define unambiguously the *sine* of  $\angle A$ , denoted by  $\sin A$ , as the value of this ratio. In this way, students come to understand the trigonometric functions as relationships completely determined by angles (G-SRT.6). They further their understanding of these functions by investigating relationships between sine, cosine, and tangent; by exploring the relationship between the sine and cosine of complementary angles; and by applying their knowledge of right triangles to real-world situations, (MP.4) such as in the example below (G-SRT.6-8). Experience working with many different triangles, finding their measurements, and computing ratios of the measurements found will help students understand the basics of the trigonometric functions.

**Example:** *Using Trigonometric Relationships.*

Planes that fly at high speed and low elevations often have onboard radar systems to detect possible obstacles in the path of the plane. The radar can determine the range of an obstacle and the angle of elevation to the top of the obstacle. Suppose that the radar detects a tower that is 50,000 feet away, with an angle of elevation of 0.5 degree. By how many feet must the plane rise in order to pass above the tower?

**Solution:** The sketch of the situation below shows that there is a right triangle with hypotenuse 50,000 ft and smallest angle 0.5 (degree). To find the side opposite this angle, which represents the minimum height the plane should rise, we use  $\sin 0.5^\circ = \frac{h}{50,000}$ , so that  $h = (50,000 \text{ ft}) \sin 0.5^\circ \approx 436.33 \text{ ft}$ .



## Similarity, Right Triangles, and Trigonometry

G-SRT

### Apply trigonometry to general triangles.

9. (+) Derive the formula  $A = \frac{1}{2} ab \sin(C)$  for the area of a triangle by drawing an auxiliary line from a vertex perpendicular to the opposite side.
10. (+) Prove the Laws of Sines and Cosines and use them to solve problems.
11. (+) Understand and apply the Law of Sines and the Law of Cosines to find unknown measurements in right and non-right triangles (e.g., surveying problems, resultant forces).

Students advance their knowledge of right triangle trigonometry by applying trigonometric ratios in non-right triangles. For instance, students see that by dropping an altitude in a given triangle, they divide the triangle into right triangles to which these relationships can be applied. By seeing that the base of the triangle is  $a$  and the height is  $b \cdot \sin C$ , they derive a general formula for the area of any triangle  $A = \frac{1}{2}ab \sin C$  (G-SRT.9). In addition, students use reasoning about similarity and trigonometric identities to derive the Laws of Sines and Cosines first in only acute triangles, and use these and other relationships to solve problems (G-SRT.10-11). Instructors will need to address the ideas of the sine and cosine of angles larger than or equal to  $90^\circ$  to fully discuss Laws of Sine and Cosine, though full unit circle trigonometry need not be discussed in this course.

## Circles

G-C

### Understand and apply theorems about circles.

1. Prove that all circles are similar.
2. Identify and describe relationships among inscribed angles, radii, and chords. *Include the relationship between central, inscribed, and circumscribed angles; inscribed angles on a diameter are right angles; the radius of a circle is perpendicular to the tangent where the radius intersects the circle.*
3. Construct the inscribed and circumscribed circles of a triangle, and prove properties of angles for a quadrilateral inscribed in a circle.
4. (+) Construct a tangent line from a point outside a given circle to the circle.

Students extend their understanding of the usefulness of similarity transformations through investigating circles (G-C.1). For instance, students can reason that any two circles are similar by describing precisely how to transform one into the other, as the example illustrates with two specific circles. Students continue investigating properties of circles and relationships among angles, radii and chords (G-C.2, 3, 4).

**Example.** Students can show that the two circles  $C$  and  $D$  given by the equations below are similar.

$$C: (x - 1)^2 + (y - 4)^2 = 9$$

$$D: (x + 2)^2 + (y - 1)^2 = 25$$

center of circle  $C$  to the center of circle  $D$  using the translation  $T(x, y) = (x - 3, y - 3)$ . Finally, since the radius of circle  $C$  is 3 and the radius of circle  $D$  is 5, we dilate from the point  $(-2, 1)$  by a scale

<b>Solution.</b> Since the centers of the circles are $(1, 4)$ and $(-2, 1)$ , respectively, we first translate the	factor of $5/3$ .
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## Circles

G-C

**Find arc lengths and areas of sectors of circles.** [Radian introduced only as unit of measure.]

5. Derive using similarity the fact that the length of the arc intercepted by an angle is proportional to the radius, and define the radian measure of the angle as the constant of proportionality; derive the formula for the area of a sector. **Convert between degrees and radians.** CA

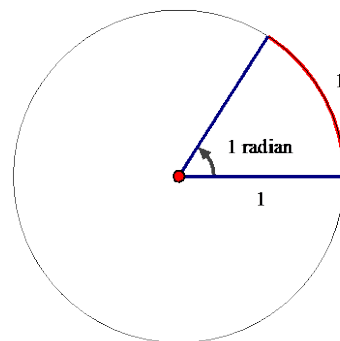
Another important application of the notion of similarity is the definition of the radian measure of an angle. Students can derive this result in the following way: given a sector of a circle  $C$  of radius  $r$  and central angle  $\alpha$ , and a sector of a circle  $D$  of radius  $s$  and central angle also  $\alpha$ , it stands to reason that since these sectors are similar,

$$\frac{\text{length of arc on circle } C}{r} = \frac{\text{length of arc on circle } D}{s}.$$

Therefore, much like when defining the trigonometric functions, there is a constant  $m$  such that for an arc subtended by an angle  $\alpha$  on any circle, we have

$$\frac{\text{length of arc subtended by angle } \alpha}{\text{radius of the circle}} = m.$$

This constant of proportionality is the *radian measure* of angle  $\alpha$ . It follows that an angle that subtends an arc on a circle that is the same length as the radius measures 1 radian. By investigating circles of different sizes, measuring off arcs subtended by the same angle using string, and finding the ratios described above, students can apply their proportional reasoning skills to discover this constant ratio, thereby developing an understanding of the definition of radian measure.



## Expressing Geometric Properties with Equations

G-GPE

**Translate between the geometric description and the equation for a conic section.**

- Derive the equation of a circle of given center and radius using the Pythagorean Theorem; complete the square to find the center and radius of a circle given by an equation.
- Derive the equation of a parabola given a focus and directrix.

**Use coordinates to prove simple geometric theorems algebraically.** [Include distance formula; relate to Pythagorean Theorem.]



4. Use coordinates to prove simple geometric theorems algebraically. *For example, prove or disprove that a figure defined by four given points in the coordinate plane is a rectangle; prove or disprove that the point  $(1, \sqrt{3})$  lies on the circle centered at the origin and containing the point  $(0, 2)$ .*
5. Prove the slope criteria for parallel and perpendicular lines and use them to solve geometric problems (e.g., find the equation of a line parallel or perpendicular to a given line that passes through a given point).
6. Find the point on a directed line segment between two given points that partitions the segment in a given ratio.
7. Use coordinates to compute perimeters of polygons and areas of triangles and rectangles, e.g., using the distance formula. ★

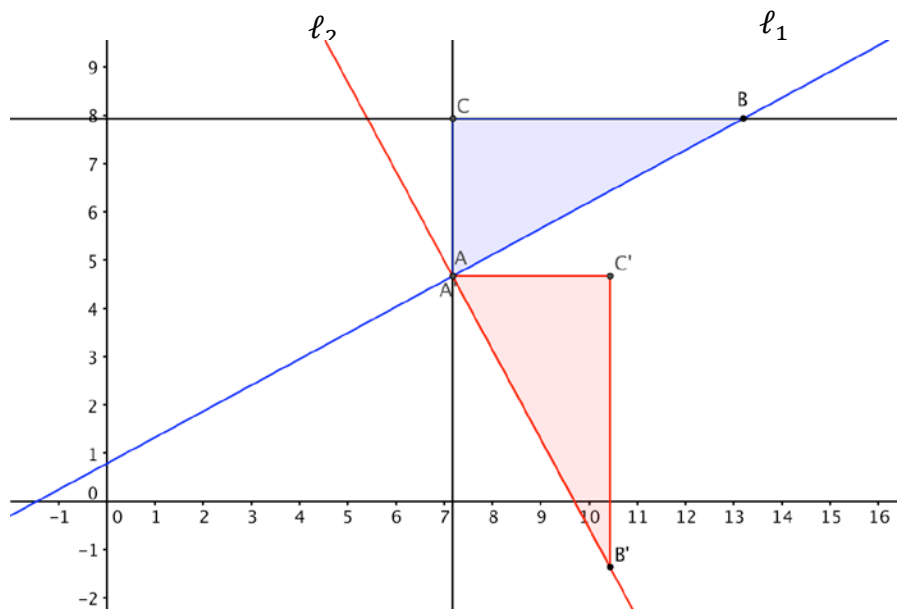
The largest intersection of algebra concepts and geometry occurs here, wherein two-dimensional shapes are represented on a coordinate system and can be described using algebraic equations and inequalities. Here is a derivation of the equation of a circle by the Pythagorean Theorem and the definition of a circle (G-GPE.1). Given that a circle consists of all points  $(x, y)$  that are at a distance  $r > 0$  from a fixed center  $(h, k)$ , we see that  $\sqrt{(x - h)^2 + (y - k)^2} = r$  for any point lying on the circle, so that  $(x - h)^2 + (y - k)^2 = r^2$  determines this circle. Students can derive this equation, and flexibly change an equation into this form by completing the square as necessary. By understanding the derivation of this equation, the variables  $h, k$  and  $r$  take on a clear meaning. Students do the same for the definition of a parabola in terms of a focus and directrix in G-GPE.2.

In standards G.GPE.4 and G.GPE.6, students continue their work of using coordinates to prove geometric theorems with algebraic techniques. In G.GPE.6, given a directed line segment represented by a vector emanating from the origin to the point  $(4, 6)$ , students may be asked to find the point on this vector that partitions it into a ratio of 2:1. Students may construct right triangles and using triangle similarity for find this point, or, they may represent the vector as  $x = 4t, y = 6t$ , for  $0 \leq t \leq 1$ , and reason that the point they seek can be found when  $t = \frac{2}{3}$ .

While many simple geometric theorems can be proved algebraically, perhaps two results of high importance are the slope criteria for parallel and perpendicular lines. Students studied lines and linear equations beginning with the grade seven standards; here, they not only use relationships between slopes of parallel and perpendicular lines to solve problems, but they justify why they are true. An intuitive argument for why parallel lines have the same slope might read: "Since the two lines never meet, each

line must *keep up* with the other as we travel along the slopes of the lines. So it seems obvious that their slopes must be equal.” This intuitive thought leads us to an equivalent statement: if given a pair of linear equations  $\ell_1: y = m_1x + b_1$  and  $\ell_2: y = m_2x + b_2$  (for  $m_1, m_2 \neq 0$ ) such that  $m_1 \neq m_2$ , that is, such that *their slopes are different*, then the lines must intersect. Solving for the intersection of the two lines yields the  $x$ -coordinate of their intersection to be  $x = \frac{b_2 - b_1}{m_1 - m_2}$  which surely exists since  $m_1 \neq m_2$ . The reasoning here is important: both understanding the steps of the argument and understanding why proving this statement is equivalent to proving the statement, “if  $\ell_1 \parallel \ell_2$ , then  $m_1 = m_2$ ” (MP.1, MP.2).

In addition, students are expected to justify why the slopes of two non-vertical, perpendicular lines  $\ell_1$  and  $\ell_2$  satisfy the relationship  $m_1 = -\frac{1}{m_2}$ , or  $m_1 \cdot m_2 = -1$ . While there are various ways to do this, one is shown here, and dynamic geometry software can be used to illustrate it well (MP.4). Let  $\ell_1$  and  $\ell_2$  be any two non-vertical perpendicular lines. Let  $A$  be the intersection of the two lines, and let  $B$  be any other point on  $\ell_1$  above  $A$ . We draw a vertical line through  $A$ , a horizontal line through  $B$ , and we let  $C$  be the intersection of those two lines.  $\triangle ABC$  is a right triangle. If  $a$  is the horizontal displacement  $\Delta x$  from  $C$  to  $B$  and  $b$  is the length of  $\overline{AC}$ , then the slope of  $\ell_1$  is  $m_1 = \frac{\Delta y}{\Delta x} = \frac{b}{a}$ . By rotating  $\triangle ABC$  clockwise around  $A$  by 90 degrees, the hypotenuse  $\overline{AB'}$  of the rotated triangle  $\triangle AB'C'$  lies on  $\ell_2$ . Using the legs of  $\triangle AB'C'$ , we see that the slope of  $\ell_2$  is  $m_2 = \frac{\Delta y}{\Delta x} = \frac{-a}{b}$ . Thus  $m_1 \cdot m_2 = \frac{b}{a} \cdot \frac{-a}{b} = -1$ . See the figure for an illustration of this proof (MP.1, MP.7).



The previous proofs make use of several ideas that students have learned about in this and prior courses, including the relationship between equations and their graphs in the plane (A.REI.10), solving equations with variable coefficients (A.REI.3). An investigative approach that at first uses several examples of lines that are perpendicular and their equations to find points, construct triangles, and decide if the triangles formed are right triangles will help ramp up to the second proof (MP.8). However, once more, the reasoning required to make sense of such a proof and to communicate the essence of it to a peer is an important goal of geometry instruction (MP.3).

## Geometric Measurement and Dimension

## G-GMD

### Explain volume formulas and use them to solve problems.

1. Give an informal argument for the formulas for the circumference of a circle, area of a circle, volume of a cylinder, pyramid, and cone. *Use dissection arguments, Cavalieri's principle, and informal limit arguments.*
3. Use volume formulas for cylinders, pyramids, cones, and spheres to solve problems. ★

### Visualize relationships between two-dimensional and three-dimensional objects.

4. Identify the shapes of two-dimensional cross-sections of three-dimensional objects, and identify three-dimensional objects generated by rotations of two-dimensional objects.
5. **Know that the effect of a scale factor  $k$  greater than zero on length, area, and volume is to multiply each by  $k$ ,  $k^2$ , and  $k^3$ , respectively; determine length, area and volume measures using scale factors. CA**
6. **Verify experimentally that in a triangle, angles opposite longer sides are larger, sides opposite larger angles are longer, and the sum of any two side lengths is greater than the remaining side length; apply these relationships to solve real-world and mathematical problems. CA**

The ability to visualize two- and three-dimensional shapes is useful skill. This group of standards addresses that skill and includes understanding and using volume and area formulas for curved objects. Students also have the opportunity to make use of the notion of a *limiting process*, an idea that plays a large role in calculus and advanced mathematics courses, when they investigate the formula for the area of a circle. By experimenting with grids of finer and finer mesh, they can repeatedly approximate the area of a unit circle, and thereby get a better and better approximation for the irrational number  $\pi$ . They also dissect shapes and make arguments based on the dissections. For instance, a cube can be dissected into three congruent pyramids,

as shown in figure 2, which can lend weight to the formula that the volume of a pyramid of base area  $B$  and height  $h$  is  $\frac{1}{3}Bh$  (MP.2).

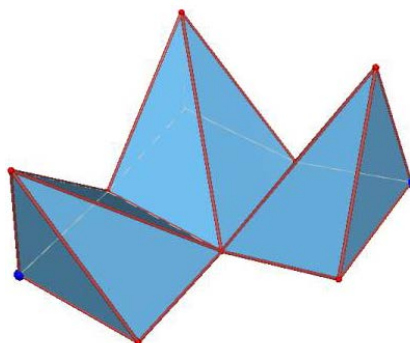


Figure 3: Three congruent pyramids that make a cube.

(Park City Mathematics Institute 2013)

## Modeling with Geometry

**G-MG**

### Apply geometric concepts in modeling situations.

1. Use geometric shapes, their measures, and their properties to describe objects (e.g., modeling a tree trunk or a human torso as a cylinder). ★
2. Apply concepts of density based on area and volume in modeling situations (e.g., persons per square mile, BTUs per cubic foot). ★
3. Apply geometric methods to solve design problems (e.g., designing an object or structure to satisfy physical constraints or minimize cost; working with typographic grid systems based on ratios). ★

This set of standards is rich with opportunities for students to apply modeling (MP.4) with geometric concepts. The implementation of these standards should not be limited to the end of a Geometry course simply because they are later in the sequence of standards; they should be employed throughout the geometry curriculum. In standard G-MG.1, students use geometric shapes, their measures, and their properties to describe objects. This standard can involve two- and three-dimensional shapes, and is not relegated to simple applications of formulas. In standard G-MG.3, students solve design problems by modeling with geometry, such as the one illustrated below.

**Example (Illustrated Mathematics 2013).** *Ice Cream Cone.* You have been hired by the owner of a local ice cream parlor to assist in his company's

- b. Use your sketch to help you develop an equation the owner can use to calculate the surface area of a wrapper (including the lid) for

<p>new venture. The company will soon sell its ice cream cones in the freezer section of local grocery stores. The manufacturing process requires that the ice cream cone be wrapped in a cone-shaped paper wrapper with a flat circular disc covering the top. The company wants to minimize the amount of paper that is wasted in the process of wrapping the cones. Use a real ice cream cone or the dimensions of a real ice cream cone to complete the following tasks.</p> <p>a. Sketch a wrapper like the one described above, using the actual size of your cone. Ignore any overlap required for assembly.</p>	<p>another cone given its base had a radius of length, <math>r</math>, and a slant height, <math>s</math>.</p> <p>c. Using measurements of the radius of the base and slant height of your cone, and your equation from the previous step, find the surface area of your cone.</p> <p>d. The company has a large rectangular piece of paper that measures 100 cm by 150 cm. Estimate the maximum number of complete wrappers sized to fit your cone that could be cut from this one piece of paper. Explain your estimate.</p> <p>Solutions can be found at <a href="http://illustrativemath.org">illustrativemath.org</a></p>
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### Conceptual Category: Statistics and Probability

Students learned some basics of probability, including chance processes, probability models, and sample spaces in the grade seven and eight standards. In high school, the relative frequency approach to probability is extended to conditional probability and independence, rules of probability and their use in finding probabilities of compound events, and the use of probability distributions to solve problems involving expected value (The University of Arizona Progressions Documents for the Common Core Math Standards [Progressions], High School Statistics and Probability 2012). Building on probability concepts that began in the middle grades, students use the language of set theory to expand their ability to compute and interpret theoretical and experimental probabilities for compound events, attending to mutually exclusive events, independent events, and conditional probability. Students should make use of geometric probability models wherever possible. They use probability to make informed decisions (CCSSI 2010).

**Conditional Probability and the Rules of Probability****S-CP**

**Understand independence and conditional probability and use them to interpret data.** [Link to data from simulations or experiments.]

1. Describe events as subsets of a sample space (the set of outcomes) using characteristics (or categories) of the outcomes, or as unions, intersections, or complements of other events (“or,” “and,” “not”). ★
2. Understand that two events  $A$  and  $B$  are independent if the probability of  $A$  and  $B$  occurring together is the product of their probabilities, and use this characterization to determine if they are independent. ★
3. Understand the conditional probability of  $A$  given  $B$  as  $P(A \text{ and } B)/P(B)$ , and interpret independence of  $A$  and  $B$  as saying that the conditional probability of  $A$  given  $B$  is the same as the probability of  $A$ , and the conditional probability of  $B$  given  $A$  is the same as the probability of  $B$ . ★
4. Construct and interpret two-way frequency tables of data when two categories are associated with each object being classified. Use the two-way table as a sample space to decide if events are independent and to approximate conditional probabilities. *For example, collect data from a random sample of students in your school on their favorite subject among math, science, and English. Estimate the probability that a randomly selected student from your school will favor science given that the student is in tenth grade. Do the same for other subjects and compare the results.* ★
5. Recognize and explain the concepts of conditional probability and independence in everyday language and everyday situations. ★

To develop student understanding of conditional probability, students should experience two types of problems: ones in which the uniform probabilities attached to outcomes lead to independence of the outcomes and ones in which they do not (S-CP.1-3). Below are two examples wherein these two possibilities occur.

**Example (Adapted from Progressions, High School Statistics and Probability 2012).**

*Guessing On a True-False Quiz.* If there are four T-F questions on a quiz, then the possible outcomes based on guessing on each question can be arranged as in the table below:

**Possible outcomes: Guessing on four true–false questions**

Number correct	Outcomes	Number correct	Outcomes	Number correct	Outcomes
4	CCCC	2	CCII	1	CIII
3	ICCC	2	CICI	1	ICII
3	CICC	2	CIIC	1	IICI
3	CCIC	2	ICCI	1	IIIC
3	CCCI	2	ICIC	0	IIII
		2	IICC		

*C indicates a correct answer; I indicates an incorrect answer.*

By simple counting outcomes one can find various probabilities. For example,

$$P(\text{C on first question}) = \frac{1}{2}$$

and

$$P(\text{C on second question}) = \frac{1}{2}$$

as well. Noticing that

$$P[(\text{C on first}) \text{ AND } (\text{C on second})] = \frac{4}{16} = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{2}$$

shows that the two events, getting the first question correct and the second correct, are independent.

**Example (Adapted from Progressions, High School Statistics and Probability 2012).**

*Working-Group Leaders.* Suppose a 5-person working group consisting of three girls (April, Briana, and Cyndi) and two boys (Daniel and Ernesto) wants to randomly choose two people to lead the group. The first person is the discussion leader and the second is the recorder, so order is important in selecting the leadership team. There are 20 outcomes for this situation, shown below:

**Selecting two students from three girls and two boys**

Number of girls	Outcomes	
2	AB	BA
2	AC	CA
2	BC	CB
1	AD	DA
1	AE	EA
1	BD	DB
1	BE	EB
1	CD	DC
1	CE	EC
0	DE	ED

Notice that the probability of selecting two girls as

the leaders is:

$$P(\text{two girls chosen}) = \frac{6}{20} = \frac{3}{10}$$

whereas

$$P(\text{girl selected on first draw}) = \frac{12}{20} = \frac{3}{5}$$

while

$$P(\text{girl selected on second draw}) = \frac{3}{5}$$

as well. But since  $\frac{3}{5} \cdot \frac{3}{5} \neq \frac{3}{10}$ , the two events are not independent.

One can also use the conditional probability perspective to show these events are not independent. Since

$$P(\text{girl on second} \mid \text{girl on first}) = \frac{6}{12} = \frac{1}{2}$$

and  $P(\text{girl on second}) = \frac{3}{5}$ , these events are seen to be dependent.

**Conditional Probability and the Rules of Probability****S-CP**

**Use the rules of probability to compute probabilities of compound events in a uniform probability model.**

6. Find the conditional probability of  $A$  given  $B$  as the fraction of  $B$ 's outcomes that also belong to  $A$ , and interpret the answer in terms of the model. ★
7. Apply the Addition Rule,  $P(A \text{ or } B) = P(A) + P(B) - P(A \text{ and } B)$ , and interpret the answer in terms of the model. ★
8. (+) Apply the general Multiplication Rule in a uniform probability model,  $P(A \text{ and } B) = P(A)P(B|A) = P(B)P(A|B)$ , and interpret the answer in terms of the model. ★
9. (+) Use permutations and combinations to compute probabilities of compound events and solve problems. ★

Students also explore finding probabilities of compound events (S-CD.6-9) by using the Addition Rule (that  $P(A \text{ OR } B) = P(A) + P(B) - P(A \text{ AND } B)$ , and the general Multiplication Rule  $P(A \text{ AND } B) = P(A) \cdot P(B|A) = P(B) \cdot P(A|B)$ . A simple experiment involving rolling two number cubes and tabulating the possibly outcomes can shed light on these formulas before they are extended to application problems.

<p><b>Example (Adapted from Illustrative Mathematics 2013).</b> On April 15, 1912, the Titanic struck an iceberg and rapidly sank with only 710 of her 2,204 passengers and crew surviving. Some believe that the rescue procedures favored the wealthier first class passengers. Data on survival of passengers are summarized in the table below. We will use this data to investigate the validity of such claims. Students can use the fact that two events <math>A</math> and <math>B</math> are independent if <math>P(A B) = P(A) \cdot P(B)</math>. Let <math>A</math> represent the event a passenger survived, and <math>B</math> represent the event that the passenger was in first class. We compare the conditional probability <math>P(A B)</math> with the probability <math>P(A)</math>. The probability of surviving, given that the passenger was in first class, is the fraction of first</p>	<p>class passengers who survived. That is, we restrict the sample space to only first class passengers to obtain <math>P(A B) = \frac{202}{325} \approx 0.622</math>. The probability that the passenger survived is the number of all passengers who survived divided by the total number of passengers, that is <math>P(A) = \frac{498}{1316} \approx 0.378</math>. Since <math>0.622 \neq 0.378</math>, the two given events are not independent. Moreover, we can say that being a passenger in first class increased the chances of surviving.</p> <p>Students can be challenged to further investigate where similar reasoning would apply today. For example, what are similar statistics for Hurricane Katrina, and what would a similar analysis conclude about the distribution of damages? (MP.4)</p>
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625 **Using Probability to Make Decisions****S-MD**626 **Use probability to evaluate outcomes of decisions.** [Introductory; apply counting rules.]

- 627 6. (+) Use probabilities to make fair decisions (e.g., drawing by lots, using a random number  
628 generator). ★
- 629 7. (+) Analyze decisions and strategies using probability concepts (e.g., product testing, medical  
630 testing, pulling a hockey goalie at the end of a game). ★

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633 Standards S-MD.6 and S-MD.7 involve students' use of probability models and  
634 probability experiments to make decisions. These standards set the stage for more  
635 advanced work in Algebra II, i.e. where the ideas of statistical inference are introduced.  
636 See the "High School Progression on Statistics and Probability" for more explanation  
637 and examples: <http://ime.math.arizona.edu/progressions/>.



## Geometry Overview

### Geometry

#### Congruence

- Experiment with transformations in the plane.
- Understand congruence in terms of rigid motions.
- Prove geometric theorems.
- Make geometric constructions.

#### Similarity, Right Triangles, and Trigonometry

- Understand similarity in terms of similarity transformations.
- Prove theorems involving similarity.
- Define trigonometric ratios and solve problems involving right triangles.
- Apply trigonometry to general triangles.

#### Circles

- Understand and apply theorems about circles.
- Find arc lengths and areas of sectors of circles.

#### Expressing Geometric Properties with Equations

- Translate between the geometric description and the equation for a conic section.
- Use coordinates to prove simple geometric theorems algebraically.

#### Geometric Measurement and Dimension

- Explain volume formulas and use them to solve problems.
- Visualize relationships between two-dimensional and three-dimensional objects.

#### Modeling with Geometry

- Apply geometric concepts in modeling situations.

### Statistics and Probability

#### Conditional Probability and the Rules of Probability

- Understand independence and conditional probability and use them to interpret data.
- Use the rules of probability to compute probabilities of compound events in a uniform probability model.

#### Mathematical Practices

1. Make sense of problems and persevere in solving them.
2. Reason abstractly and quantitatively.
3. Construct viable arguments and critique the reasoning of others.
4. Model with mathematics.
5. Use appropriate tools strategically.
6. Attend to precision.
7. Look for and make use of structure.
8. Look for and express regularity in repeated reasoning.

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## 720 Congruence

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## 721 Experiment with transformations in the plane.

- 722 1. Know precise definitions of angle, circle, perpendicular line, parallel line, and line segment, based  
 723 on the undefined notions of point, line, distance along a line, and distance around a circular arc.  
 724 2. Represent transformations in the plane using, e.g., transparencies and geometry software;  
 725 describe transformations as functions that take points in the plane as inputs and give other points  
 726 as outputs. Compare transformations that preserve distance and angle to those that do not (e.g.,  
 727 translation versus horizontal stretch).  
 728 3. Given a rectangle, parallelogram, trapezoid, or regular polygon, describe the rotations and  
 729 reflections that carry it onto itself.  
 730 4. Develop definitions of rotations, reflections, and translations in terms of angles, circles,  
 731 perpendicular lines, parallel lines, and line segments.  
 732 5. Given a geometric figure and a rotation, reflection, or translation, draw the transformed figure  
 733 using, e.g., graph paper, tracing paper, or geometry software. Specify a sequence of  
 734 transformations that will carry a given figure onto another.

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736 Understand congruence in terms of rigid motions. [Build on rigid motions as a familiar starting point for  
 737 development of concept of geometric proof.]

- 738 6. Use geometric descriptions of rigid motions to transform figures and to predict the effect of a  
 739 given rigid motion on a given figure; given two figures, use the definition of congruence in terms  
 740 of rigid motions to decide if they are congruent.  
 741 7. Use the definition of congruence in terms of rigid motions to show that two triangles are  
 742 congruent if and only if corresponding pairs of sides and corresponding pairs of angles are  
 743 congruent.  
 744 8. Explain how the criteria for triangle congruence (ASA, SAS, and SSS) follow from the definition of  
 745 congruence in terms of rigid motions.

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## 747 Prove geometric theorems. [Focus on validity of underlying reasoning while using variety of ways of writing proofs.]

- 748 9. Prove theorems about lines and angles. *Theorems include: vertical angles are congruent; when a*  
 749 *transversal crosses parallel lines, alternate interior angles are congruent and corresponding*  
 750 *angles are congruent; points on a perpendicular bisector of a line segment are exactly those*  
 751 *equidistant from the segment's endpoints.*  
 752 10. Prove theorems about triangles. *Theorems include: measures of interior angles of a triangle sum*  
 753 *to 180°; base angles of isosceles triangles are congruent; the segment joining midpoints of two*  
 754 *sides of a triangle is parallel to the third side and half the length; the medians of a triangle meet at*  
 755 *a point.*  
 756 11. Prove theorems about parallelograms. *Theorems include: opposite sides are congruent, opposite*  
 757 *angles are congruent, the diagonals of a parallelogram bisect each other, and conversely,*  
 758 *rectangles are parallelograms with congruent diagonals.*

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## 760 Make geometric constructions. [Formalize and explain processes.]

- 761 12. Make formal geometric constructions with a variety of tools and methods (compass and  
 762 straightedge, string, reflective devices, paper folding, dynamic geometric software, etc.). *Copying*  
 763 *a segment; copying an angle; bisecting a segment; bisecting an angle; constructing perpendicular*  
 764 *lines, including the perpendicular bisector of a line segment; and constructing a line parallel to a*  
 765 *given line through a point not on the line.*

13. Construct an equilateral triangle, a square, and a regular hexagon inscribed in a circle.

## Similarity, Right Triangles, and Trigonometry

G-SRT

### Understand similarity in terms of similarity transformations.

1. Verify experimentally the properties of dilations given by a center and a scale factor:
  - a. A dilation takes a line not passing through the center of the dilation to a parallel line, and leaves a line passing through the center unchanged.
  - b. The dilation of a line segment is longer or shorter in the ratio given by the scale factor.
2. Given two figures, use the definition of similarity in terms of similarity transformations to decide if they are similar; explain using similarity transformations the meaning of similarity for triangles as the equality of all corresponding pairs of angles and the proportionality of all corresponding pairs of sides.
3. Use the properties of similarity transformations to establish the Angle-Angle (AA) criterion for two triangles to be similar.

### Prove theorems involving similarity.

4. Prove theorems about triangles. *Theorems include: a line parallel to one side of a triangle divides the other two proportionally, and conversely; the Pythagorean Theorem proved using triangle similarity.*
5. Use congruence and similarity criteria for triangles to solve problems and to prove relationships in geometric figures.

### Define trigonometric ratios and solve problems involving right triangles.

6. Understand that by similarity, side ratios in right triangles are properties of the angles in the triangle, leading to definitions of trigonometric ratios for acute angles.
7. Explain and use the relationship between the sine and cosine of complementary angles.
8. Use trigonometric ratios and the Pythagorean Theorem to solve right triangles in applied problems. ★

### 8.1 Derive and use the trigonometric ratios for special right triangles (30°, 60°, 90° and 45°, 45°, 90°). CA

### Apply trigonometry to general triangles.

9. (+) Derive the formula  $A = \frac{1}{2} ab \sin(C)$  for the area of a triangle by drawing an auxiliary line from a vertex perpendicular to the opposite side.
10. (+) Prove the Laws of Sines and Cosines and use them to solve problems.
11. (+) Understand and apply the Law of Sines and the Law of Cosines to find unknown measurements in right and non-right triangles (e.g., surveying problems, resultant forces).

## Circles

G-C

### Understand and apply theorems about circles.

1. Prove that all circles are similar.
2. Identify and describe relationships among inscribed angles, radii, and chords. *Include the relationship between central, inscribed, and circumscribed angles; inscribed angles on a diameter are right angles; the radius of a circle is perpendicular to the tangent where the radius intersects the circle.*
3. Construct the inscribed and circumscribed circles of a triangle, and prove properties of angles for a quadrilateral inscribed in a circle.
4. (+) Construct a tangent line from a point outside a given circle to the circle.

**Find arc lengths and areas of sectors of circles.** [Radian introduced only as unit of measure.]

5. Derive using similarity the fact that the length of the arc intercepted by an angle is proportional to the radius, and define the radian measure of the angle as the constant of proportionality; derive the formula for the area of a sector. **Convert between degrees and radians. CA**

**Expressing Geometric Properties with Equations****G-GPE****Translate between the geometric description and the equation for a conic section.**

1. Derive the equation of a circle of given center and radius using the Pythagorean Theorem; complete the square to find the center and radius of a circle given by an equation.
2. Derive the equation of a parabola given a focus and directrix.

**Use coordinates to prove simple geometric theorems algebraically.** [Include distance formula; relate to Pythagorean Theorem.]

4. Use coordinates to prove simple geometric theorems algebraically. *For example, prove or disprove that a figure defined by four given points in the coordinate plane is a rectangle; prove or disprove that the point  $(1, \sqrt{3})$  lies on the circle centered at the origin and containing the point  $(0, 2)$ .*
5. Prove the slope criteria for parallel and perpendicular lines and use them to solve geometric problems (e.g., find the equation of a line parallel or perpendicular to a given line that passes through a given point).
6. Find the point on a directed line segment between two given points that partitions the segment in a given ratio.
7. Use coordinates to compute perimeters of polygons and areas of triangles and rectangles, e.g., using the distance formula. ★

**Geometric Measurement and Dimension****G-GMD****Explain volume formulas and use them to solve problems.**

1. Give an informal argument for the formulas for the circumference of a circle, area of a circle, volume of a cylinder, pyramid, and cone. *Use dissection arguments, Cavalieri's principle, and informal limit arguments.*
3. Use volume formulas for cylinders, pyramids, cones, and spheres to solve problems. ★

**Visualize relationships between two-dimensional and three-dimensional objects.**

4. Identify the shapes of two-dimensional cross-sections of three-dimensional objects, and identify three-dimensional objects generated by rotations of two-dimensional objects.
5. **Know that the effect of a scale factor  $k$  greater than zero on length, area, and volume is to multiply each by  $k$ ,  $k^2$ , and  $k^3$ , respectively; determine length, area and volume measures using scale factors. CA**
6. **Verify experimentally that in a triangle, angles opposite longer sides are larger, sides opposite larger angles are longer, and the sum of any two side lengths is greater than the remaining side length; apply these relationships to solve real-world and mathematical problems. CA**

**Modeling with Geometry****G-MG****Apply geometric concepts in modeling situations.**

1. Use geometric shapes, their measures, and their properties to describe objects (e.g., modeling a tree trunk or a human torso as a cylinder). ★

2. Apply concepts of density based on area and volume in modeling situations (e.g., persons per square mile, BTUs per cubic foot). ★
3. Apply geometric methods to solve design problems (e.g., designing an object or structure to satisfy physical constraints or minimize cost; working with typographic grid systems based on ratios). ★

## Statistics and Probability

### Conditional Probability and the Rules of Probability

S-CP

**Understand independence and conditional probability and use them to interpret data.** [Link to data from simulations or experiments.]

1. Describe events as subsets of a sample space (the set of outcomes) using characteristics (or categories) of the outcomes, or as unions, intersections, or complements of other events ("or," "and," "not"). ★
2. Understand that two events  $A$  and  $B$  are independent if the probability of  $A$  and  $B$  occurring together is the product of their probabilities, and use this characterization to determine if they are independent. ★
3. Understand the conditional probability of  $A$  given  $B$  as  $P(A \text{ and } B)/P(B)$ , and interpret independence of  $A$  and  $B$  as saying that the conditional probability of  $A$  given  $B$  is the same as the probability of  $A$ , and the conditional probability of  $B$  given  $A$  is the same as the probability of  $B$ . ★
4. Construct and interpret two-way frequency tables of data when two categories are associated with each object being classified. Use the two-way table as a sample space to decide if events are independent and to approximate conditional probabilities. *For example, collect data from a random sample of students in your school on their favorite subject among math, science, and English. Estimate the probability that a randomly selected student from your school will favor science given that the student is in tenth grade. Do the same for other subjects and compare the results.* ★
5. Recognize and explain the concepts of conditional probability and independence in everyday language and everyday situations. ★

**Use the rules of probability to compute probabilities of compound events in a uniform probability model.**

6. Find the conditional probability of  $A$  given  $B$  as the fraction of  $B$ 's outcomes that also belong to  $A$ , and interpret the answer in terms of the model. ★
7. Apply the Addition Rule,  $P(A \text{ or } B) = P(A) + P(B) - P(A \text{ and } B)$ , and interpret the answer in terms of the model. ★
8. (+) Apply the general Multiplication Rule in a uniform probability model,  $P(A \text{ and } B) = P(A)P(B|A) = P(B)P(A|B)$ , and interpret the answer in terms of the model. ★
9. (+) Use permutations and combinations to compute probabilities of compound events and solve problems. ★

### Using Probability to Make Decisions

S-MD

**Use probability to evaluate outcomes of decisions.** [Introductory; apply counting rules.]

6. (+) Use probabilities to make fair decisions (e.g., drawing by lots, using a random number generator). ★
7. (+) Analyze decisions and strategies using probability concepts (e.g., product testing, medical testing, pulling a hockey goalie at the end of a game). ★

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